

# Connecticut State Innovation Model Work Stream Update



- Contracts with all 9 PCMH+ Participating Entities were finalized (Kudos to DSS!!!).
- DSS officially received approval on the State Plan Amendment, which grants Medicaid the authority needed to make supplemental payments to FQHCs and shared savings payments to all Participating Entities.
- Stakeholder engagement activities continued to assess statewide Health Information Technology needs.
- The eCQM Design group [kicked off](#) with the goal to identify and recommend the objectives and requirements of an efficient, shared, statewide health IT-enabled eCQM solution in the context of Alternative Payment models.
- Qualidigm developed readiness assessment tools to begin their work with the CCIP Participating Entities as they work toward achieving the CCIP Standards.
- Qualidigm continued its research and stakeholder engagement focused on Primary Care Payment Models. Interviews have been taking place with payers and provider and models were discussed with the [Practice Transformation Task Force](#) (and already in March with the CHW Advisory Committee, the Consumer Advisory Board, and the Steering Committee). Primary Care Payment Reform presents an opportunity to enable and sustain care delivery reform initiatives launched through SIM.
- Recruitment efforts continued for Wave 1 of the AMH Program, with 28 applications received to date. [Applications are still being accepted.](#)
- The Community Health Worker Advisory Committee released a final draft of their [Certification Recommendations](#).
- The Consumer Advisory Board welcomed three new members with an orientation meeting and held a meeting to discuss consumer-oriented health information technology solutions.
- The UConn Evaluation Team finalized the VBID assessment tool which has been distributed to all health plans to assess VBID penetration across the State.

Council/ Work Stream	Major Topics Covered	Progress/ Outputs	Next Steps	Upcoming Meetings
<b>Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February Meeting Canceled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue discussing Primary Care Payment Models</li> <li>Receive detailed update on PCMH+</li> <li>Receive detailed update on CCIP Transformation planning</li> <li>Receive update on CHW initiative</li> </ul>	3/9/17 3/23/17
<b>Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)</b>	<b>Consumer Engagement HIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held Membership Orientation, including <a href="#">SIM overview</a>, for three new CAB members</li> <li>Continued planning for Community Catalyst training event which will be held in June</li> <li>Held meeting to discuss and provide input on consumer-oriented HIT strategies as part of the HIT stakeholdering process</li> <li>Continued work on consumer engagement and communication plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumer engagement on primary care payment reform</li> <li>Hold Diabetes Support Forum on April 28 to engage the African-American community in New Britain</li> <li>Hold Young Adult Youth summit for young adults with disabilities to help guide their transition into adult care</li> <li>Continue planning for Community Catalyst consumer engagement workshop scheduled for June</li> </ul>	3/7/17 4/11/17
<b>Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)</b>	<b>Primary Care Payment Reform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed <a href="#">Primary Care Payment Models</a>, including potential implications for Connecticut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue discussion on Primary Care Payment Models and provide feedback on research and recommendations presented by the Qualidigm team</li> </ul>	3/21/17

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<b>Health Information Technology (HIT)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders for the engagement plan have been identified and interviews and focus groups have begun. The stakeholder engagement is two-fold – Firstly, to support a HIT environmental scan that will inform the state re: the current landscape, describe opportunities and challenges that the stakeholders face as it relates to health information technology and help inform a strategic vision for the state; Secondly, the stakeholder engagement assists in building trust and buy-in with how the state will proceed.</li> <li><a href="#">Kicked off</a> eCQM design group with the goal to identify and recommend the objectives and requirements of an efficient, shared, statewide health IT-enabled eCQM solution in the context of Alternative Payment models</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Stakeholder Engagement activities which began on 1/30/17</li> <li>Continue weekly meetings of the eCQM design group</li> </ul>	HIT Advisory Council: 3/16/17  eCQM Design Group: Weekly
<b>Quality Council (QC)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Meetings held</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare Council members to review and score state Public Scorecard websites on a range of attributes to inform the development process</li> </ul>	3/8/17 5/10/17
<b>Care Management Committee (CMC)</b>  (A sub-committee of <u>MAPOC</u> )	<i>PCMH+</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held work session in February to develop PCMH+ Wave 1 review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present at March MAPOC meeting compliance review plan</li> </ul>	3/8/17

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<b>Population Health Planning (DPH)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIM/DPH/PMO team met regularly to plan the upcoming activities to engage Community Based Organizations in the planning of the PSC model.</li> <li>• The DPH retained a consultant organization (HRiA) to design and conduct two rounds of five focus groups each in at least five pre-selected regions of the state.</li> <li>• The Population Health Council held its regular monthly meeting (conference call) to discuss the approach to community engagement and review a key question guide prepared for this purpose.</li> <li>• The second phase of the environmental scan was also initiated by HRiA with special focus on the pre-selected epicenters.</li> <li>• The DPH released the latest report of the statewide BRFSS with updated indicators of burden of disease related to the SIM priority areas among others.</li> <li>• The DPH also finalized the selection of a final set of regional Population Health Indicators.</li> <li>• Final definition of the geographies and demographics for population health indicators will be released next month.</li> <li>• The Population Health team at DPH met with CedarBridge to discuss public health IT systems and discuss strategies to improve data to track population health indicators.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To complete two rounds of focus groups and develop implementation strategies based on the feedback obtained from community agencies.</li> <li>• Establish a system of regional metrics to assess PSC's performance and impact of SIM initiatives.</li> <li>• Identify expertise on financial vehicles to incorporate in the PSC model as part of sustainability strategies.</li> <li>• Plan engagement strategies with ACO to explore acceptability of the PSC model.</li> </ul>	3/23/17

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<b>Person Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+, formerly MQISSP)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSS officially received approval on the State Plan Amendment, after working closely with CMS. The State Plan Amendment grants Medicaid the authority needed to make supplemental payments to FQHCs and shared savings payments to all Participating Entities.</li> <li>• Continued working through the implementation work plan</li> <li>• Developed plan to conduct compliance reviews</li> <li>• Developed and started implementing plan to conduct Wave 1 initial review to make modifications to Wave 2 RFP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue performing initial review for Wave 2 RFP</li> <li>• Begin performing compliance reviews</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Value-based Insurance Design</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled next meeting of the Consortium for May 23, 2017</li> <li>• Distributed tool to all health plans to assess current VBID penetration in Connecticut</li> <li>• Held call with two brokers to assess the opportunities for promoting VBID in both the self-insured and fully-insured employer communities</li> <li>• Planned engagement event in collaboration with the Central Connecticut Chamber for March 15</li> <li>• Began planning for additional engagement events with: the CT Business Group on Health, labor unions, and the Fairfield Business Council</li> <li>• Continued assessing opportunities to engage with additional brokers, Chambers, and HR specialists</li> <li>• Developed a new page on the SIM website dedicated to VBID employer engagement activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue planning efforts for upcoming engagements events</li> <li>• Compile results of the VBID assessment and share with SIM governance</li> <li>• Assess additional opportunities to engage employers through HR departments and individual employer engagements</li> <li>• Launch new VBID page</li> </ul>	5/23/17

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<b>UCONN Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convened 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Certification Design Group of the CHW Advisory Committee on 2/7/21. The group reached consensus on a certification model to propose to the full CHW Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• Convened 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CHW Advisory Committee on 2/21/17. The committee reached consensus on the basic design of a <a href="#">certification model</a> to recommend to the HISC.</li> <li>• Created draft outline for CHW certification whitepaper for the HISC.</li> <li>• Provided Qualidigm with PE-assessment questions related to CHW integration and two best-practice manuals: Organizational Readiness and Recruitment and Hiring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete draft of CHW-certification whitepaper prior to April HISC meeting.</li> <li>• Present certification recommendation to the HISC on 3/9/17.</li> <li>• Meet with Qualidigm on 3/2/17 to review CHW materials and strategies for the CCIP Participating Entity (PE)-readiness assessment.</li> <li>• Plan for the future of the CHW Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	3/21/17

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UCONN Evaluation	<b>Dashboard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued data acquisition and analysis for the 4/1/17 dashboard</li> <li>Continued work on the Alternative Payment Model health plan survey and associated materials</li> <li>Continued work on the VBID health plan survey and associated materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue data acquisition and analysis for 4/1/17 dashboard publication</li> <li>Finalize APM health plan survey and associated materials</li> <li>Finalize VBID health plan survey and associated materials</li> </ul>	N/A
	<b>Care Experience Survey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued communications with plans about sample and survey activities for 2017</li> <li>Continued development of a plan name cross-walk to allow sampling of patients covered by potential participating insurance plans and SIM designated advanced networks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize discussions about care experience survey with plans</li> </ul>	
	<b>Reporting to CMMI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued data acquisition plan for required metrics and amended reporting metrics as needed</li> <li>Continued data acquisition efforts for metric reporting</li> <li>Attended monthly call with National Evaluators</li> <li>Recruitment for the federally-funded AMH Program is ongoing. Qualidigm is working closely with the SIM PMO to connect with Advanced Network leads to encourage applications. To date, the Program has received applications from 28 practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend monthly call with National Evaluators</li> <li>Continue data acquisition activities for required reporting</li> </ul>	
<b>Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue working with Qualidigm on recruitment efforts.</li> <li>Qualidigm will continue providing technical assistance</li> <li>Assess the 2017 NCQA PCMH Standards and determine necessary changes to the AMH Standards</li> </ul>	N/A

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<b>Program Management Office (PMO)</b>	<b>CCIP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalized contract negotiations with the 2 of the 3 CCIP PEs, with the third expected by mid-March.</li> <li>Worked closely with Qualidigm to develop readiness assessment tools for CCIP, as well as to develop the full Implementation Package.</li> <li>Continue to work with RESDAC (responsible for providing Medicare data) on Connecticut's Medicare Data Request.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize Transformation Award contract with remaining CCIP PE.</li> <li>Continue stakeholder engagement to support Primary Care Payment Model project</li> <li>Designate focus areas for Community Health Collaboratives</li> <li>Work closely with Qualidigm and the CCIP PEs on CCIP launch</li> <li>Submit final Medicare Data Request to RESDAC for APCD.</li> </ul>	N/A

## ACRONYMS

**APCD** – All-Payers Claims Database

**AHCT** – Access Health Connecticut

**BRFSS** – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

**CAB** – Consumer Advisory Board

**CCIP** – Clinical & Community Integration Program

**CHW** – Community Health Worker

**CMC** – Care Management Committee

**CMMI** – Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations

**DPH** – Department of Public Health

**DSS** – Department of Social Services

**EAC** – Equity and Access Council

**EHR** – Electronic Health Record

**HISC** – Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

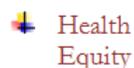
**HIT** – Health Information Technology

**MAPOC** – Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council

**MOA** – Memorandum of Agreement

**MQISSP** – Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program

**PCMH** – Patient Centered Medical Home



**PE** – Participating Entity

**PMO** – Program Management Office

**PTTF** – Practice Transformation Task Force

**QC** – Quality Council

**SIM** – State Innovation Model

**FQHC** – Federally Qualified Health Center

**RFP** – Request for Proposals

**OSC** – Office of the State Comptroller

**VBID** – Value-based Insurance Design

**The purpose of this document is to raise awareness among members of SIM Governance and SIM-funded work stream leads so that they can stay up-to-date about SIM progress, understand their work in context, and spot inter-dependencies where collaboration or coordination may be beneficial**

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